

### **Remarks**

Claims 1-13, 26-38, 59, 61-74 and 80-85 were noted as pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the notice of allowance with respect to pending claims 65-74 and 80-85. In the Non-Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-8, 13, 26, 57-59, 61 and 62 and objected to claims 2-4, 9-12, 27-38, 63 and 64. As a preliminary matter, Applicant had previously cancelled claims 57 and 58. Applicant has amended rejected independent claims and certain claims dependent thereon. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. Applicant respectfully submits that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

### **No Disclaimers or Disavowals**

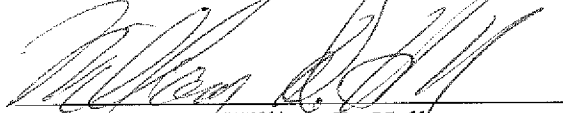
Although the present communication may include alterations to the applications or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant does not concede in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references or in view of any previous rejections. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to address additional reasons supporting the patentability of any of the pending claims, as appropriate. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

To place the application in condition for Allowance, the Applicant cancelled claim 59. Additionally, the Applicant has amended claim 1 by incorporation of claim 2. Pending claim 26 has been amended by incorporation of claim 33. Finally, claim 61 has been amended by the addition of claims 62 and 63. Appropriate amendments have been entered to the dependent claims in view of the foregoing amendments. In view of the Examiner's objections to claims 2, 33 and 62-63, the foregoing amendments place the pending claims in condition for allowance. Therefore, in view of the amendments to the claims, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections to the claims and issuance of a notice of allowance for pending claims 1, 3-13, 26-32, 34-38, 60, 64-74 and 80-85.

**Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully submits that this Response addresses all of the issues raised in the Office Action. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the mailing of a Notice of Allowance with respect to pending claims. If any additional information is needed, Applicant respectfully requests that Applicant's undersigned representative be contacted.

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